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A TRAGIC DEATH.

Suicide of W. H. Pearce.

Friday morning, about 9 o'clock, the people of this city were shocked to learn that W. H. Pearce, manager of the York-Key Mercantile Co., had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. The deed was probably done at 7:30 o'clock, as the report of the pistol shot was heard at that time from the room occupied by Mr. Pearce in the Opera house building. Not appearing at the usual time, search was made for him, and he was found in his room, lying on the floor, with a pistol in his hand. He was only partially dressed, and when he committed the fatal deed he was evidently facing the mirror of the dressing case. It is supposed that he had not retired, as his bed was not disturbed. The unfortunate man had bruises on his face and his clothing was covered with dust. He had evidently wandered in the night in great distress of mind. The true causes of the deeply deplored tragedy will be made public soon.

The shot took effect in the right temple about two inches back of the eye, and the body was lying face downward in a pool of blood. Geo. T. Todd had been requested by John B. Martin, of the York-Key store, to learn of Mr. Pearce's whereabouts. Mr. Todd went to the room of the deceased and found the door locked. He procured a key and unlocked the door, and discovered the deceased lying on the floor as stated.

The following note, which is the only explanation of the rash deed, was found on the dresser, addressed to Mr. Todd. The note was written at 7:30, and reads as follows:

"GEO. T. TODD: I cannot face the accusations that will be made against me. If I were not broken down nervously I would do it, even though I cleared myself eventually I would be ruined anyway. Be kind to Minnie, God bless her, and dear little Gail; also Nina and yourself. Goodbye, and if I am doing wrong, God in his infinite mercy forgive me.

HARRY."

On the Wednesday preceding, Mr. Pearce purchased a pistol at the store of the Zimmermann Hardware Company, and with this pistol he shot himself.

W. H. Pearce was in charge of the business affairs of the York-Key Mercantile company, and he was also manager of the opera house. F. B. York, of the mercantile firm, was engaged with Mr. Pearce, on checking up the company's business for the past year. The work had not been completed when Mr. Pearce committed suicide. The safe was locked, and the combination was unknown, except to Mr. York, who had the combination in a safe in St. Louis. In order to obtain this combination Mr. York was obliged to leave for St. Louis Sunday evening. The combination could not be obtained otherwise, as it was not found on Mr. Pearce's person.

Coroner Hollopeter was summoned and an inquest was held Friday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by his own hand. Mr. York testified that his relations with Mr. Pearce were always pleasant. The tender note showed the sympathy the deceased had for his wife and for Mr. Todd and family.

The deceased was insured for \$2,000 in the A. O. U. W., and \$500 in the Aetna insurance company.

W. H. Pearce came from Leavenworth to Dodge City in 1887, and was book-keeper for R. M. Wright & Co. for some time. He was variously employed, having had charge of the water works and electric light plant at one time. He was exact in all matters and a good business man. He was always courteous and polite, and he was highly esteemed by every one with whom he had social and business intercourse. His death is sadly and sincerely regretted.

Mrs. Pearce, who was in Kansas City, was informed of the death of her husband, but owing to a delay, she did not arrive here until Saturday night. Her many friends here deeply sympathize with her in her affliction and bereavement.

W. H. Pearce was born in Utica, N. Y., and was 43 years of age at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Minnie Sheldon in this city in November, 1890. No children were born to them. The deceased was a member of the Episcopal church.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the opera house, and were in charge of the A. O. U. W.

The following persons composed the choir: Rev. Wm. Westwood, F. H. Young, Mrs. B. F. Milton, Mr. D. Swinehart, Mr. S. J. Crumblin, Miss Pilgrin, Karl Miller and Charles Milton.

The choir sang the following familiar hymns: "Rock of Ages, Nearer my God to thee, and Safely in the arms of Jesus."

The following named gentlemen were the pall bearers: Sam Stubbs, J. J. Summersley, L. G. Grobety, E. E. Smith, W. E. Teare and J. H. Churchhill.

Dr. J. D. Krum preached the funeral sermon. He spoke as follows: "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart."—Ecclesiastes 7:2.

It is often a question that is hard to answer whether the greatest good will come from speaking or from silence. Whether it will come from the one or the other it ought all to be for the living and not for the dead. They cannot be reached or affected even to the lifting of a finger. But the living may be reached. They may be influenced. They may, if they are God's children, be led up to a higher and better life. Or if they are not Christ's followers some arrow in its flight from a bow drawn at a venture may wound their spirits and lead them to go to Jesus—the great physician for healing. Then as the text says, it will "be better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting for the living will lay it to his heart."

And so speaking or keeping silence to-day I bring every one of you face to face with God, and there I leave you with His all-seeing eye upon you. Speaking or keeping silence I bring you face to face with yourselves, and here with your conscience telling you that you are sinners, either forgiven and reconciled to God or unforgiven and still the enemies of God, and needing Jesus for your savior, and there in the awful presence of your conscience I leave you. Speaking or keeping silence I bring you face to face with the church. Some of you have a home in it and are striving to beautify and adorn the home by your lives. But many more of you are as spiritually homeless as the tramp, and there I leave you. Speaking or keeping silence, I bring you face to face with the eternal judgment at which we must all appear and there I leave you to think about God, to think about yourselves, to think about the church, which is the only organization upon the earth of which God claims to be the founder and head, and in which you know, everyone of you, that you need and ought to have a home that you may be members of the household that is as wide as the world and as enduring as eternity—the household of God and to think upon the retributions of the eternal judgment.

And if there is one thing needed, as the outcome of the visitation of death to communities, to neighborhoods and to families, it is to have "the living lay them to heart." Some day after long and painful sickness the end comes to the earthly life of some one who has done much good and been greatly beloved in a community. Every one laments it. The streets are hung in mourning. The public buildings are decorated with the black emblems of sorrow. Men speak in whispers. Business is suspended. The voice of mirth is hushed and men console with each other on the irreparable loss that has been sustained. That is today. Tomorrow the streams all flow back into their accustomed channels, and men go about their business or pleasures as thoughtless and careless as if death had never shown himself among them. The living do not lay it to heart as they ought. For there is only one event that can compare with that of death. That is the birth of a soul into the everlasting kingdom of God. Death changes the whole condition of mortals. From the known it transfers their being to the unknown. It closes beyond the possibility of addition or subtraction the account of a life. And such a fact as that ought to make an impression upon the mind which long years will not wear away. It seems cold and heartless that it should be so. And besides all this its moral effect, which ought to be to "teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"—the wisdom that leads men to seek first and foremost and all the time the kingdom of God and His righteousness, is driven away from the mind. Will it be so again now?

I can hardly trust myself to speak of him whose body lies before us cold and motionless in death. My relations with him were always so pleasant; he was always so considerate of me as his rector; he was so helpful to me in my church work that I feel most deeply stricken and so sorely afflicted that my heart is filled with bitterness and tears. Mr. Pearce was born in the city of Utica, New York, and since last November was in the forty-fourth year of his age. He had a most kind and genial disposition that made him many friends and left him without an enemy. His affection as a husband was so strong and tender and loyal that no words can measure it. He was confirmed in the church in Leavenworth by Bishop Vail, many years ago. He came to Dodge City about fourteen years ago, and from its first organization was identified with St. Cornelius Church, as a member of the choir and of the vestry, and its clerk, as junior warden, as a lay reader, and as the superintendent of the Sunday school, both of which offices he held up to the hour of this fearful tragedy. He was a loyal churchman. He told me once that he knew the service of the Prayer Book from A to Z. He loved the church and attended its services as regularly as the imperious demands of business would allow. Only last Thurs-

day afternoon he told me that he had wanted to come to church the Sundays that he had been absent, but that he just had to work every one of them.

And then with all this—with his relations to the church and with the eternal hope with which it fills our poor hearts, what of the darkness which gathered about its close? It is only right that this question should be answered somewhat: I have thought much about it and considered it very carefully, because I am put in my place not only to preach the gospel but I am also set for the defense of the gospel. And I believe the answer is found in the few words—*inadequate pay—overwork—nervous prostration—depression of spirits—ending in an unbalanced mind.*

Last Sunday the collect for the day in the service of the church was: "O God who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations: through Jesus Christ our Lord."

If instead of his being at work on his books he could have been in church as he desired, and have heard and joined in that prayer it may well be that his life might have gone on long time and then have peacefully opened into the everlasting light and glory of God.

To those who are so sorely afflicted and bereaved I can only trust myself to say, "I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified" and to Jesus Christ, who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before the Father's face "not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Amen.

Whereas, Death has again invaded Protection Lodge No. 172, A. O. U. W., and ruthlessly shocked the entire community by taking from us our beloved Bro. W. H. Pearce.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That by the death of Bro. Pearce, this lodge has lost one of its most honored members. One whose counsel was always wise, one whose charity was unbounded and one to whom the tenets of our order were full of meaning. Resolved, That we deeply deplore our brother's untimely death and that our sincere sympathy be extended to the bereaved in their terrible affliction and that we commend them to the Great Comforter for help to bear their grief.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge and published in the Dodge City papers.

L. G. GROBETY,
J. A. ARMENT,
T. S. HURD,
Committee.

FORT DODGE, KANSAS,

Feb. 6, 1900.

Resolutions of condolence by 3d Reg. U. V. U. Fort Dodge, Kansas.

Whereas, the great commander in his wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst our esteemed and loved comrade Marcellus Dickey. We the comrades of 3d Reg. U. V. U. Department of Kansas, do extend to the bereaved wife and children of comrade Dickey our unfeigned but heartfelt sympathy in this hour of the sorrow and affliction, trusting and believing that their great loss is his greater gain. In his death they lose a devoted husband and loving father. The U. V. U. lose a noble, brave and loyal comrade; Mother Dickey, Frank, Charles, Hayden, Clifford and comrades, with hearts aching with griefs let us say good by husband, good by father, good by comrade, and bow humbly in submission to the will of him who doeth all things well. Comrade Marcellus Dickey entered the service as a private in Co. I, 57th Ohio V. I, was promoted to orderly Sergt. and afterward to 2d Lieut. of his Co. He answered to the last roll call and joined his comrades gone before Jan. 31st, 1900.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of the 3d Reg. U. V. U. a copy sent to the 2d Reg. at Wichita, of which he was a member. Also a copy furnished the GLOBE-REPUBLICAN of Dodge City for publication; also a copy presented to the family of the deceased comrade.

JOSEPH TIMMONS,
J. R. SENCENICH,
Committee of Condolence.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale by

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REMINISCENT.

When a life has spanned three-quarters of the present century, which period has been filled with many startling incidents, events of wonderful character, it has passed a remarkable time. To have lived through the greater part of the century, is to have witnessed all the memorable events of the time; and these events have marked the destiny of the country.

Last Thursday night, Rev. Milton L. Haney, of Normal, Illinois, closed a series of revival meetings in the M. E. church in this city. Few people realized the remarkable character of the man who had dispensed Gospel doctrine for more than ten days, and who had uttered some of the profoundest Bible truths. The man's learning and experience was made up from a life which had gone through all the vicissitudes of pioneer preaching. There are people in this city who knew Brother Haney fifty and sixty years ago, in Illinois, and who knew of the hardships which the pioneers of Methodism passed in those early days. Illinois was a new state comparatively, and her preachers were poor in purse but rich in Bible knowledge and spiritual power.

Bro. Haney was a contemporary of Peter Cartwright, and the life of both are woven in the early history of Illinois. It is said of both that they passed some of the hardest ordeals in maintaining their preaching. Cartwright used physical force when mild persuasion failed to do its work. It is also true of Haney and his brother, who died only two weeks ago. When preaching in the early days, these men found disturbers of their meetings, and sometimes only physical power sustained the spiritual dignity. There was a class of people who had no respect for the Christian religion, and they sought to disturb the religious meetings held by the Haney brothers. While one brother would be preaching the other was in the back part of the congregation maintaining order with his fist if moral suasion was not accepted. Many a brawler and rowdy received a black eye from the hand of the sturdy and resolute Haney. To have heard the genial, loving and amiable old man last week, no one would have supposed that he once used physical force to maintain the truth of the Gospel against its detractors and defamers. But this is the truth of history, and there are many witnesses to it.

The writer remembers when camp meetings were held in Illinois, more than 40 years ago, at which were congregated rowdies from miles around. Gambling, horse racing and other vices were carried on outside of the camp meeting grounds. Whisky was dealt out like the boot legger does today. And within the camp grounds the festive rowdy, unless restrained, exhibited his passion and disrespect.

Men like Bro. Haney were of the true stuff. And we look back to the days of pioneer life in Illinois, and mark the difference in the life of the preacher. During the memorable days of the anti-slavery question, such men as the Haney were the bone and sinew of the agitation. Lincoln on the one hand, the exponent of the idea that marked our country's destiny, and Douglas, on the other hand, who was compromising, and trying to avert the impending calamity, the destruction of slavery, were the two exponents whose principles precipitated the civil war. We remember such men as the Haney, who disputed the Divine right of slavery, and whose stalwart character moulded the brawn and brain that sustained the principle that underlies our foundation of government—all men were created free.

It is no wonder, having gone through the fiery ordeal of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that the Cartwrights and the Haney are yet living examples and sustaining the truth that the greatest characters are those who have borne the crucifixion, through the furnace of bitter opposition; and to witness, before God calls them hence, the decree of a Nebuchadnezzar, that a God who could deliver his people from the cruel work of hell, was worthy of adoration, and all who should "speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be shut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dung hill; because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

Bro. Haney wears the honors of his three-quarters of a century like a true Christian, in humility and thankfulness to the God who sustained him. And he is closing his life in the beautiful dawn of Heaven.

Horse dealers are each week shipping from Yates Center, Kansas, horses to the Eastern markets. Two cars left there Friday evening for Illinois. The dealers are scouring the country for well-bred horses, and are shipping them to Michigan, Indiana and Illinois and other Eastern states. These horses are the pick of the best-bred stock raised by Kansas farmers. They bring good prices.

Gatlin's Cough Syrup will cure all throat and lung diseases when all other fail. Don't take chances get Gatlin's! Every dose counts.

Revival at the Christian Church.

Rev. D. D. Boyle, of Arlington, Iowa, commenced a series of revival meetings in the Christian church, Sunday. Good crowds are attending the meetings and much interest is manifested. On Tuesday night we heard Mr. Boyle. He is a fine speaker. He has a clear and deep voice and speaks with distinctness. He uttered some splendid truths and spoke with an earnestness that must have made deep conviction.

At the beginning of the service members of the audience gave some scripture quotations, to which Mr. Boyle made pertinent comments. His fluent speech and easy manner, and readiness to respond to the quotations showed his familiarity of the scriptures.

Miss Kate Kinkaid sang a solo, the sentiment of which was, that there was never a night so dark but it may be filled with the light of God and His promises. Mr. Boyle spoke for nearly an hour, without wearying any one. He spoke of the oneness and unity of Christian people, and quoted the 4th chapter of Ephesians. Paul loved to call himself a prisoner of the Lord, because he always wanted to do the work of the Lord. The chapter was an important lesson on Christian unity. What was needed was for all to stand in unity. Jesus loved all; and he referred to the irreverence of young people, who do not honor their parents. The father was called "old governor" and the mother "old lady." Irreverence was not commendable before God.

He spoke of the covetousness of man. The man with one dollar was as covetous as the man with a million. As much covetousness among poor people as among the rich. We must be dispossessed of covetousness before we can realize Christ.

One sin is enough to damn our lives always. We need only to follow one sin to be condemned. Condemnation by God was a natural consequence.

He spoke about people who have so much religion in their emotions. They were very much like a thermometer—to be governed in their feelings. It was like an intermittent fever. Their religion was very much as to the state of their emotions.

He said if you believe in God you are saved.

We must be patriotic in religion as well as in politics. A good sentiment. He urged every one to use the same degree of faith in religion that they have in all other things.

The Kentucky Trouble.

An effort is being made to compromise the trouble in Kentucky, an agreement having been made between Republicans and Democrats, which requires Governor Taylor to give way to the Democrats, but the Governor is still standing on his rights, and he will certainly not yield on the proposition as it stands.

Governor Taylor has refused for the time being at least to sign the agreement. He was closeted for a long time yesterday morning with General Dan Lindsay, Lieutenant Edelen and F. H. Baker of Louisville, and finally told the gentlemen he wished time to consider, and he would let them know when he had reached a decision. Mr. Baker after leaving the conference was asked his opinion of the probable results, and replied: "I hope and believe that everything will be settled peaceably."

The others expressed similar opinions, although all of them stated that they were giving personal opinions, and not speaking in any sense for Governor Taylor.

Governor Taylor announced yesterday morning that he had not signed the Louisville agreement and that no action would be taken before a late hour in the day. He would say nothing to indicate that it was certain that he would decide upon anything even then.

"I am to consult with some gentlemen today," he said, "and nothing will be decided until after I see them." The gentlemen alluded to are ex-Governor Bradley and Colonel W. C. P. Breckenridge, both of whom are Governor Taylor's attorneys.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A car of Fanchon flour just received at Indiana Grocery.

All indications of an early spring are not flattering.

It will pay you to buy your underwear for next winter now if you go to the Racket & Novelty store for it.

Call up Phone 17, or go to the Racket and Novelty store if you want bicycle hose for children. They wear like buckskin.

The insects that were coming to the front, in anticipation of an early spring, certainly succumbed to the present cold snap.

The weather suddenly changed yesterday, and a cold wind and snow prevailed all night from the west. The temperature was down to 10 degrees. Unless well provided with shelter and feed cattle will suffer.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

Adjourned Meeting of the County Commissioners, Feb. 5, 1900.

Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, February 5, 1900, at 9 a. m.

Present, full Board.

On motion the following bids were accepted:

Bid of Adam & Hulpen, \$12, for burial of paupers.

Bid of Dr. S. J. Crumblin, \$265, for medicine, medical and surgical attendance county poor and inmates of county jail, and salary as county health officer.

Bid of U. L. Shelly, 50 cents per day for adults and 25 cents per day for children under 12 years, for keeping county poor.

Bid of E. E. Smith, Victor coal \$8 per ton, for furnishing county with coal.

Bid of Grant Hale, 35 cents per barrel, for furnishing county with kindling.

Bid of Robinson, Crawford and Metcalf, stone curbing at 22 cents per linear foot, stone wall at 18 cents per cubic foot, and brick walk at 13 cents per square foot, for laying of sidewalk around the court house.

On motion the following bills were allowed: R. S. Crane, salary and expense fourth quarter, 1899, \$234 50.

Jury fee bill, \$408 90.

On motion county treasurer was instructed to pay G. M. Hoover \$266.24 for quit claim deed from G. M. Hoover et ux to Ford county for southwest quarter 20, 28, 24, southwest quarter 4, 27, 23, and northeast quarter northwest quarter 18, 28, 22, and give a receipt in valuation of \$100 for year 1899 on south 50 feet of lots 20 and 30, Chestnut street Dodge City.

On motion bond of C. P. Frazier, clerk of Bucklin township, was approved.

On motion Board adjourned to meet Feb. 6, 1900, at 9 a. m.

S. P. REYNOLDS,
County Clerk.

Board of County Commissioners met Feb. 6, 1900, at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present, full Board.

On motion bid of F. Newman, \$35, for repainting and painting court house roof was accepted.

The following motions carried:

That sheriff discharge Frank Gross from jail.

That L. G. Grobety be appointed to assist Probate Judge in examining county treasury in place of W. H. Pearce, deceased.

That county treasurer accept \$2.50 for assignment of certificate on lot 8, block 6, Shinn's addition. \$30 for assignment of certificate on lot 34, Locust street. \$12 for assignment of certificate on lots 13 to 19 inclusive, block 2, Crawford's addition. \$10 for assignment of certificate on lots 3 and 5, block 6, Shinn's addition. \$4 for assignment of certificate on lots 19 and 20, block 7, Bucklin. \$20 for assignment of certificate on lots 5 and 6, block 49, Dodge City, and give a receipt in valuation of \$50 for 1899 on lot 3 block 31, Dodge City.

On motion the Board adjourned, to meet March 5, 1900, at 9 a. m.

S. P. REYNOLDS,
County Clerk.

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